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FRIDAY NIGHT.

As usual last Friday was commemorated by a dance in which all at the Grove part. Just after they were all assembled in our extensive dining-room, (which was to act the part of a dancing-hall for the evening) I went to Sonoma on horse-back to get the mail. When I was returning I noticed a bright light in the direction of our house and hurried home as fast as possible not knowing exactly what it was, but never-the-less thinking that if it was a fire I might be of some use; when I got to a certain bend in the road it looked as if all the fields for the distance of three or four miles round were on fire.

While I was gone everyone at the house was enjoying himself, unconscious of the fire in the fields.

On arriving at the Grove I gave out the mail and hurried down the road till on turning the corner at the end of our orchard I saw it was Mr. Akers' field which had been set for the purpose of burning the stubble and upon ascertaining the cause of the conflagration I made my way back to the school.

During my absence numerous reports concerning the fire got afloat, and some were to the effect that; one of our horses, was in Mr. Akers' field, and Ye Editor had gone down to get her before she was burnt to ashes. The fence all around Mr. Akers' field was burning and would probably burn down.

The fire was entirely under the control of the men, but suddenly burst forth in all its fury. If it was not put out inside of ten minutes it would cross the slough and ignite our young vineyard and Mr. Pritchard's field. We are happy to say that one of these exciting reports were true.

A SIGHT WORTH SEEING.

Last Saturday afternoon, while out hunting I saw one of the prettiest sights I have ever seen. About half past four I happened to look toward the hills, separating Sonoma and Napa Valleys, and there saw the most exquisite rain-bow that had ever come in contact with my visionary powers before: the ends of the bow seemed to touch the earth and the center of the arch the Zenith. There were two bows, the innermost being the brightest while the outermost was very much dimmer than its companion: inside of the innermost were numerous other rings of but two colors red and purple, the five prismatic colors of the main bows were red, orange, yellow, green and purple all of which showed up very distinctly.

It must have been at least twenty minutes that we stood watching this beautiful sight, and we would have stayed longer if it had not disappeared from view. Hereafter I think I shall always notice such things, as it is interesting as well as instructive to read about them.

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LOCALS.

John Williams went to San Francisco last Friday.

Mrs. Lubeck and Margaret Williams followed Little John on Monday.

The guinea-pigs are now established in their new quarters, comprising a good-sized house and an extensive court-yard.

The Locust Grove scholars do not care so much about their swimming hour as heretofore, the water being too cold.

Jas. A. Landsborough passed a pleasant evening at the party of the Novelty Club Friday last.

Foot-ball is the rage at present, but how long it will last no one knows.

Ah Moon left us this morning for the city on his way to China.

Shooting, figures prominently at the Grove. Nearly every morning or evening someone is late on account of being so far from the house as not to hear the bell.

Mr. Lubeck's chickens are getting along exceedingly well; better than they ever did at the Grove.

SONOMA ITEMS

We hear that the steam whistle on Poppe's distillery is now heard in Sonoma.

We hear ha J. Clewe ha been grading the street in front of his store.

There is to be an addition to the U. S. Bonded Warehouse, built of concrete,

The Sunday excursions from 'Frisco are largely attended now that fruit is ripe.

We hear there is a hard struggle going on between the cattle in Sonoma and the tramps, to see which will be masters of the plaza and pavillion. The tramps will no doubt be masters greatly outnumber the cattle.

There is to be a Bon-Bon Party on Thursday evening, October 18th, given by Marsden's Dancing Academy of this city.

Rev. Wm. Gafney, pastor of the M. E. Church of this city, was placed on the retired list of Ministers at the conference held recently in San Francisco, on account of advanced age.

The wineries of this Valley are working in good earnest now, and paying \$25 to \$35 per ton for grapes.

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AMATEURETTES.

The *Coster* appeared Thursday night,
for which we give our thanks. It is
a very well printed and edited sheet:
and in a short time anticipates enlarge-
ment, which we hope it will.

The *Pen* from Oakland must also re-
ceive our thanks. Printing and Edit-
orials are good. We would gladly ob-
tain subscribers for you Athearn, if it
was in our power, but it is hard work
for us to get any for the "Sunbeam",
let alone any other, at any rate you
have our best wishes for success.

The *Sun* is really a success both ed-
itorially and typographically.

The *Horse-Shoe* is quite neat and
newsy.

The *Hoosier Boy* is a neat sheet but
it should enlarge as the others are all
doing.

The *Critic* edited by T. P. Andrews
and printed by Mc. Clinton Bros. of
the *Microgram* which is very neat in
its October number. The printing
being much improved since its previous
issue.

The *Golden Crescent* is also printed
by Mc. Clinton Bros. but edited by
Wm. S. Moore. The style is that of
the *Critic* and is very good.